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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: MODULE AND UNIFIED NETWORK  
BACKPLANE INTERFACE FOR LOCAL  
NETWORKS

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Examiner: E. Unelus

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 27, 2008 (Paper No./Mail Date 20080619-1), for which a response was due on September 27, 2008. September 27, 2008 falls on a Saturday. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.